



YE EDITORS' PAGE

Dear Gang:

How'd you like to see a couple of excited editors dancing a jig of glee. There's not room among the ink bottles and paste pots to turn cartwheels as we'd like to do, BUT we'll bet that you'll roll off a few when you see what's coming up in the next issue of BLUE BOLT.

Here's the dope! Every comic magazine editor is always on his toes—like "Diogenes searching for an honest man" (ask your pa about that one)—trying to find something new and different for his magazine; something that has a punch like a champion heavyweight's right; something that the readers will go for in a great big way. Well pals and gals, we've found it and we're starting packing that punch right into the next issue of BLUE BOLT.

BLUE BOLT'S going to bring you what we believe to be the most exciting and interesting true story that has ever appeared in a comic magazine, It's the thrilling, blood tingling American adventures of one of Uncle Sam's fightin'est aviator nephews, Lt. Clarence E. Dickinson, United States Navy (now Lt. Com.), and his Scouting Squadron 6 at the battles of Pearl Harbor, the Marshall Islands, Wake and Midway Islands.

Lt. Com. Dickinson, an Annapolis man, has been awarded the Navy Cross with two gold stars—the same as three Navy crosses—and an air medal for heroism. It would be hard to find a better fitted man to tell this exciting story of our Pacific battle lines because of Dickinson's photographic eye for detail and his vivid memory. His collaboration with Boyden Sparkes, his own uncle, produces a smash story hit that almost any editor would jump to grab.

Several of Dickinson's pals in Scouting Squadron 6 were killed at Pearl Harbor and the other battles in which the Squadron took part. That is why his story bears the title, "I FLY FOR VENGEANCE", and vengeance with a capital V is just what he exacts from those yellow sons of Nippon. The same story was recently published (and was probably read by your Mothers and Dads) in an outstanding national magazine. The same story, but under the title "Flying Guns," is also published in book form by Charles Scribner's Sons, so you can see that BLUE BOLT is really scooping the comic magazine field with some "big time" material for you.

In fact, the editors will bet their hats that "I Fly For Vengeance" will be the number one story, bar none, on your list of comic hits. The 'ole swimmin' hole, the baseball diamond, etc., will probably take second place in your affections until you have finished each installment of this flying fighter's adventures and have felt yourself flying in spirit with him as he opens up with his "fifties" and makes another Jap join "not-so-honorable ancestors."

Now here's the pay-off. If you like this story the way we think you will, the editors have more of its kind hot on the griddle, real live American heroes in true World War II action, truth that's more exciting than any fiction. It's history, sure, but in its easiest to learn form, because this is history almost as fast as it is being made and directly affecting all Americans today.

O.Keh, gang, this is the stuff you've been asking for, and if you'll pardon a weak pun, the editors are giving it to you with a "Vengeance."

Cordially, THE EDITORS

P. S. We have a bunch of swell letters from you that we intended to put on this page this month, but we'll have to save them until the next issue because we thought you'd be more interested now in hearing the good news about how your requests for a better BLUE BOLT are being answered.





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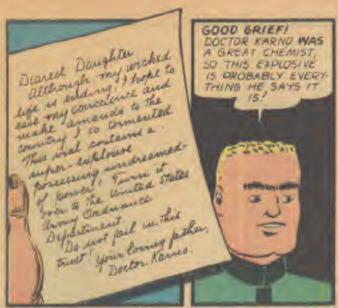




























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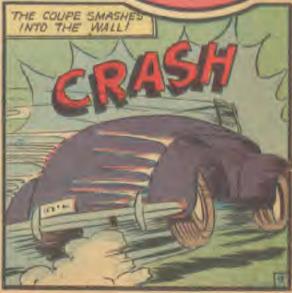




















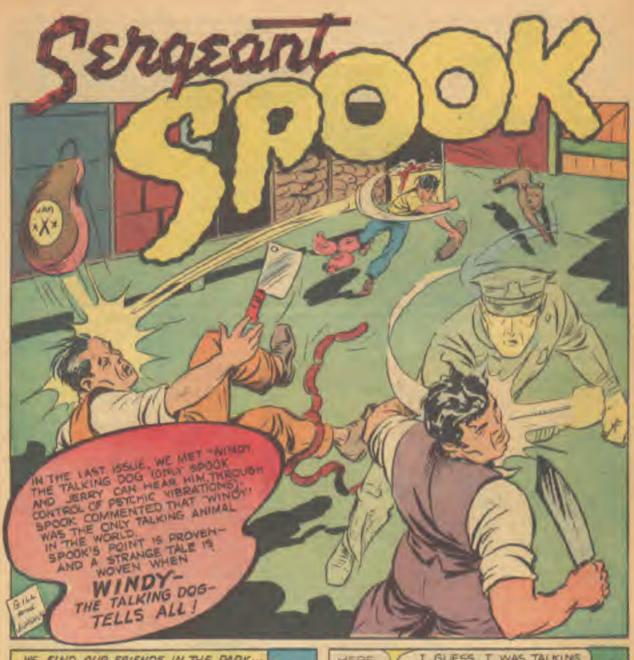






THINGS LOOK
BAD FOR DICK
AND JEAN —
BUT WHO CAN
TELL?
THE NEXT ISSUE
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WILL HOLD THE
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INSTALMENT
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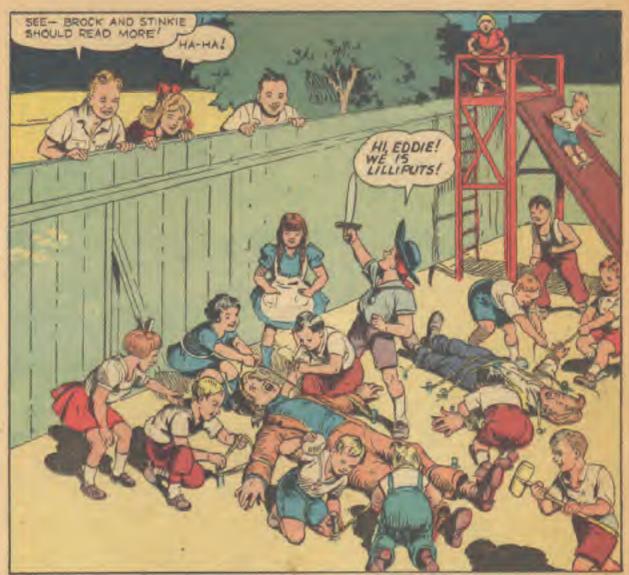












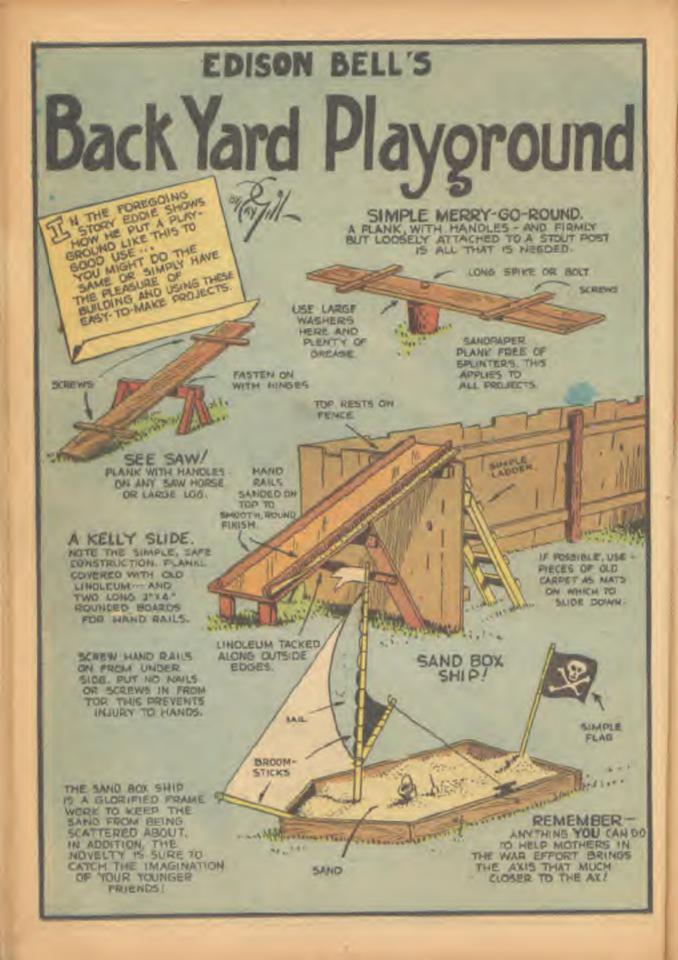


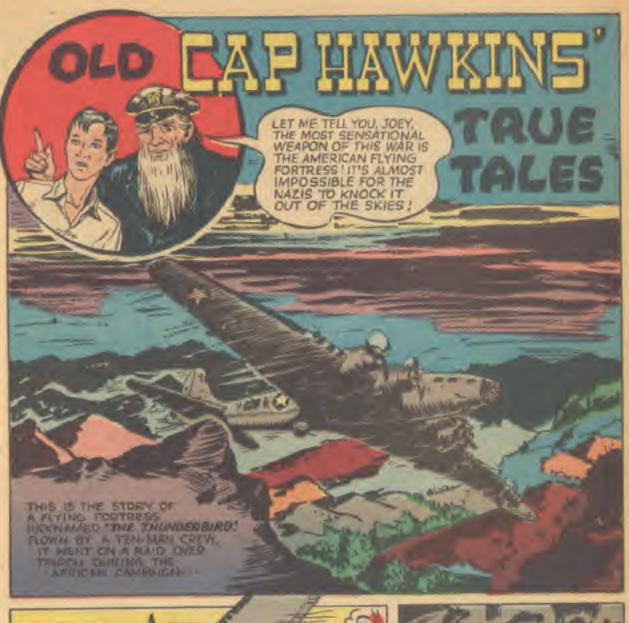






EDISON BELL WILL BE BACK.
IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF
BLUE BOLT COMICS
WITH ANOTHER GOOD IDEA
FOR HIS "WIN THE WAR"
CAMPAIGN!



















































THE GREAT CHANGE, Charlie realized, had come neither too late nor too soon to save him the abject humiliation of getting up in front of the crowd next week and doing his stuff. Next week was the play. And Charlie's voice had been playing dirty tricks. Squeaky tricks that suddenly turned basso. It was awful. . .

"Hi, sweete-pie!" a voice hailed which went felsetto then mock basso, followed by a chorus of amused laughter. "Had your singing lesson yet? Hear you're going soprano this year-

Charlie pulled off to the side and turned. Down the walk he saw his formentors, the issue ones who had been pestering him ever since the change had set in.

"I'll push the teeth down the throat of the guy who said that," Charlie threatened. "Think it's lumny—"

It is funny, Charles," one of the boys admitted, a wide grin making freekles wriggle across a stubby nose. "You haven't got a sense of humor, that's all!"

"Humori" Charlie mapped.
"If it was the other way acound—"

"We'd go into the movies. Or on the radio."

Again laughter, borst out and Charlie pulled himself together. Scram, burns," he growled, garefully keeping his voice under control. "I don't want to be bo...." Charlie shut the words

off. He telt it coming and buttoned up his lips.

"There he goes again!" someone chuckled. "Hit it, Charlie..."

Charlie turned on his heel. He was burned up. But a guy had to remember that they were his pais. . . Usually. They meant it in fun but sometimes even pels forgot themselves and rubbed it in. Sense of humor, eh? Charlie hended home.

There was rehearsal tonight. Charlie's parents didn't let him forget it, although he'd tried to for days now.

"You're to go to the hall tonight," Charlie's mother reminded him at supper. It's only next week, you know and—"

Dad said, "You may have stage-Inght-"

"If I'm there!"

Mrs. Lane said, "I wan't let you back out because of some silly offliction..."

"Silly! Afflic — Charlie's voice hit a hither-to unknown high and Charlie cut the words off hall way up the scale. Hor color san up into his face again and his father chuckled. Charlie hurst out, "If you people don't — "His voice baseoed with dignity and Charlie beat it. He'd just reached descrit too; breadpudding with plenty of raisins and nutmers.

REHEARSAL WAS a dismall operation. Charles hung back till Miss Crandall called "Char-

He. This is where you make your entrance-

"Exit, you mean,"- Charlie muttered. "I'm out-"

"Out!" Miss Crendall's capaling smile slipped into its place. "You can't-

"No?" Charite mapped "You don't kn—" He cut it off as he felt the thing about to happen. He backed up behind the wings, aware of the laughter that swept the lattle group scattered over the stage. Well, they weren't making a cap out of him. He blurted. "I'd be the laughing stock—"

"Nonsense." Miss Crandall snapped and Charlie could see her struggling to keep her face straight when his voice-box kinked and warbled. "No one will notice. Go over your lines. Charlie. You can't let me down. What would I do?"

"I'm no actor-"

"Don't led yourself" a voice out of the little group and "Take a listen to yourself sometime. Charlie."

Charlie stuck to his guns at though he received more than one broadside during the next few days. It was pretty tough. His mother stormed and threatened, his father tried to look serious and hubbled over behind the sanctity of his paper.

The much dreaded night rolled around and Mom announced, "Just dress up, young man, and march right down there with us. If you think you're gatting off scort free—

Charlie grouned. "Do I have to go?"

Charlie went to the benefit. Before long he realized that the whole thing was a flop. Hulf the audience was made up of soldiers from the nearby post. They were bored.

Charlie glanced around. All about him saldiers were fidgeting in their rests restlessly, whippering among themselves, the majority paid no attention. The whole thing was an abject debaucle. Charlie felt sorry

Between a case of stage Inght and forgotten lines, Pete Cramer had just added the finishing touches. The curtain went down. Only spasmodic applause green ed the appearance of the sweating star.

CHARLIE NEVER quite knew why he did it. He felt sorry for the soldiers who were actually sorry enough for themselves. He got up with a mumbled excuse that he wanted a drink, then made his way back stage where Miss Crandall was working herself into a lather trying to get Pete Cremer straightened out. "You've got to do better, Peter!" Miss Crandall protested. She was Charlie saw, on the verge of fits. Charlie chackled. Miss Crandall saw him and cried, "Charlie : !"

She almost bugged him. And Charlie was torn by doubt. He was a sap, a simpleton! What had ever possessed him to do thu? Those soldiers. . . .

"Til take over," Chartie announced his voice bordering the cracking point. He warded Miss Crandall off dexteriously. "Have a heart—"

"You're going to do it?" Miss. Crandall cried. "Charlie-

Someone yelled, "You're on!"

It was, Charlie recalled, scene three. The last ... in more ways than one. His knees were doing stunts that didn't make the standing secure. His had a moment of panic. Then he was lacing the people in the big auditorium. For a split ascond there was silence, then a ripple of applause that caught more as it went along and sent Charlie's heart hammering like sixty.

Charlie tried to forget the audience: He faced across the atage, assuming nonchalance as Vivian Wright came out opposite. Vivian took a look and ber look of benign indifference was swept instantly aside. Color stole into her cheeks and her eyes widened with amusement and amazement....

Somewhere in back a cat-call rang out. Someone whistled. "Hi, sweetle-pie--"

Charlie faced his heckler. He recognized the voice and lifted his own to make himself heard. "Fil see you after school tomorrow. When I—" Charlie's voice bassood, then started up that ply-

Amusement was mirrored on the faces of the people in the audience. Bert Clayton, the orchestra leader asked, "Where's that mezzo-soprane you had last night Charlie?"

"None of your darn—" Charhe stopped. His veice did it again and once more laughter swept the crowd. For a moment he hesitated, glaring out at them noting that the soldiers, were laughing too, getting a kick out of him!

"Charlie," Bert called, "Some of the boys were telling me today that you..."

"You listen to m—" He stopped.
"You listen to m—" He stopped.
It was too late. His voice sored beautifully hitting another unknown note. It rang out through the other sounds of the half and Charlie himself marvelled that the human voice could attain such a level. It was a weinspiring. When it wasn't a pain the neck—

Bert Clayton didn't let up. Charlie came back at him and his answers went sky-larking only to drop to deep basso. Then he discovered that he had some control over the crasy gyrations. He noted the grinning, laughing soldiers. He hesitated

"I've got a little poem," Charlie managed to announce. He left hot and sweaty but genermined. He looked at Bern Charlie esked, "How about sound effects..."

"You're all the sound affects you need!"

Charlie glowered plunged. "The Village Miss stood on the green, down street the spied her loven."

"She cried aloud—" Charlie's voice hit high C. Applause buried several lines, then, "—he
burried swiftly toward her and,
despite her warts, her freckled
nose, he vowed he'd always love
her!"

"For, the war had come, the girls had gone, he knew there was no other!"

"She called his name—" Charlie's voice achieved new grandeur as it rose once more. The response was tremendous. There was no let-up.

The poem was over. The Village Miss was obliterated under the confusion of noise and there wasn't a chance for even a guy with a ... soprana voice. He couldn't conclude his bratachild so he beat a retreat. A hasty one!

"YOU SAVED the show."
Dad conceded next morning when Charlie took his place uneasily at the breakfest table. "You were swell. You . . . wowed 'em!"

Charlie poured milk over his cereal. "I'm still going to settle with a couple of guys," he grumbled carefully. "After what they called me—"

"Медго-коргало?"

"Worse," Charlin complained,
"They said I didn't have a sense
of frumor! Imagine."

The End.

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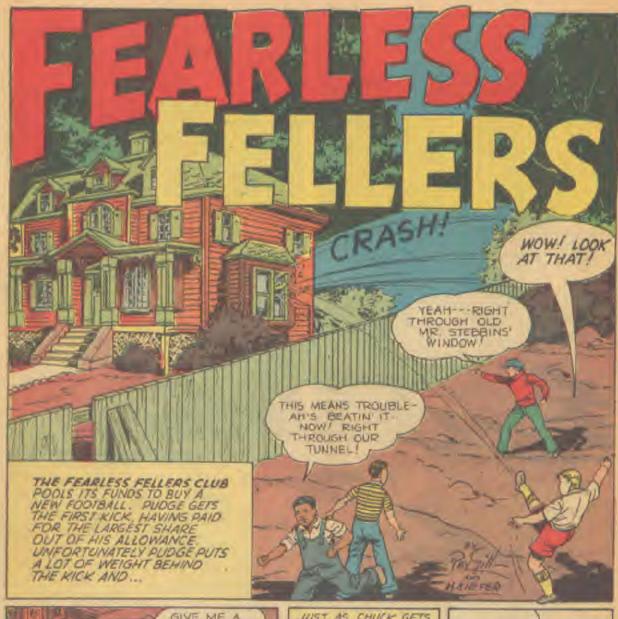












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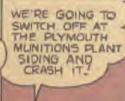














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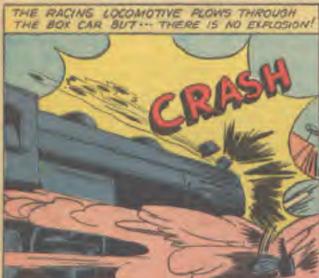
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WILL BE ON THE
STANDS IN
A MONTH.

STAMP COLLECTING

By Eugene L. Pollock

NORWAY'S FREE ISLAND

Ever since the greatest war in history began in 1939 there have been many articles in magazines and newspapers and on the radio the North, Central and South American colonies of the Eutopean nations. Much of the writing has been about the possessions of defeated France, while the lands of the British and Dutch have that had their abare of the limelight. Nowhere, however, has there



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been much, if anything, about Norway's island colony in the South Atlantic Ocean, three hundred miles off the coast of South America.

The only Western Hemisphere possession of Norway is called Bonvet Island. It is very small in area, with but two villages inhabited by seal fishers and sheep herders. Until 1928

Boovet Island belonged to the British-owned Falkland Islands, but was ceded, or given, to the Norwegians as a token of England's Iriendship. This gift was more than repaid when the brave people of Norway resisted Nazi occupation of their country in 1940 with everything they had Today the snips of the Norwegian navy and men of the zemy are fighting alongside the fleets and armies of the United Pentions.

Hundreds of miles to the south of still free Bouvet Island is Peter 1 Island, too near the South Pole for even the bardy Norwegians to colonize Both areas, as with Norway's other possessions near the

harogean mainland, use the postage stamps of the manufacture mother country. Until the war broke out a ship arrived a Bouver Island but four times a year 1) brought mail. and manufactured articles in exchange for whale oil, estakin and wool Now that Norway is temporarily in enemy hands. Bouvet Islanders rarely see a ship except a for the United Nations' naval patrol



d'onguer

The Falkland Islands themselves have attracted the eyes of many nations. They were discovered in 1592 by a little-known Balish explains, but went unclaimed until sailors from a passing Dutch ship landed to obtain drinking water. The flag of the Netherlands was unfurled and the ground declared the property of the Crown. But no attempt was made to colonize the territory. To this this some Dutch maps are still in use showing the islands as a Netherlands colonial possession.

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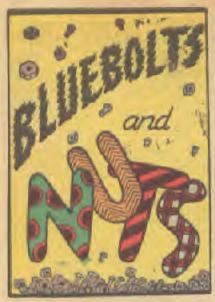
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